ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತಾವು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ ೧೨ ಗಂಟೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ವಿಷಯದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುತ್ತೀರಿ. ಅದನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಅವರು ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಳನ್ನು ತರಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಡಿಮ್ಯಾಂಡ್ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಾಗ ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾತನಾಡಬಹುದು Anyway the Demand pertaining to the Rural Development and Panchayati Raj are going to be debated, the hon. member may refer to it during the course of discussion.

SRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN.—The elections only to the Panchayats of Bangalore South and Bangalore North Taluks are not held and the people have been denied an opportunity to exercise their right.

MR. SPEAKER. —I shall get the matter examined.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(i) re : Closure of Tanfort Tyres Ltd., Bangalore

SRI MICHAEL B. FERNANDES (Bharathinagar).—I call the attention of the Minister for Industries and Commerce regarding closure of M/s. Tanfort Tyres Ltd., Bangalore

SRI AZEEZ SAIT (Minister for Industries and Commerce).—Sir, I whis to make the following statement.—

Tanfort Tyres Limited is a Public Limited Company located in Bangalore, to manufacture tyres and tubes for bicycles, cycle-rikshas, mopeds, scooters, etc., with an installed capacity of 5,53,000 numbers of tyres and 4,50,000 number of tubes per years. The unit went into production in April 1974 and later sustained loss to the extent of Rs. 38.86 lakhs by the end of June, 1976. The unit has remained closed from July 1976, as the Indian Over-seas Bank on discovering that there were serious irregulities in the financial transactions of this Company choked off working capital assistance.

Thereafter, the financial institutions viz., the Karnataka State Industrial Investment and Development Corporation and Karnataka State Financial Corporation who had investment in the equity and had advanced loans to this industry held a Meeting in October 1976 with the Chairman, Indian Ovesseas Bank wherein it was revealed that the Company did not achieve the production targets and had got into financial difficulties due to several irregularities bordering on breach of trust. The Bank had lost confidence in the management of the Company had was not prepared to lend any more funds, unless the management was changed and the financial institutions took measures to bring in proper management with adequate financial discipline in the organisation. Subsequently, the Board of Directors was

reconstituted and Shri H. N. Thandon was removed from the Managing Directorship. The Chief Executive was also replaced by Shri J. Matthan, retired General Manager, Integral Coach Factory, Madras, in April 1977. Several other measures to improve the working of the factory have since been taken. The Indian Over-Seas Bank has put forward a series of stipulations for for resuming the working Capital assistance needed for rehabilitation of this Industry which could not be fully satisfied and therefore a number of meetings were held by the Commissioner for Industries and Secretary to Government, Commerce and Industries Department, to resolve the dead-lock. It was ultimately agreed that the necessary documentation should be completed early and accordingly action is being taken by the Karnataka State Financial Corporation, Tanfort Tyres Limited, and the Indian Overseas Bank to complete the same.

Meanwhile some of the criditors of the Company have been threatening legal action for settlement of their claims and therefore the present management sought the help of the State Government under the Karnataka Relief Undertakings (Special Provisions) Act, 1977.

Besides, the emloyees of Tanfort Tyres Limited have also been representing to the Government to take effective steps for revival of the sick industry and grant them relief against un-employment.

The State Government after due consideration has satisfied itself that it is necessary and expedient in the public interest to declare this Industry viz., Tanfort Tyres Ltd., as a 'Relief Undertaking,' with a view to ensuring the continued running of the Industry, as a measure of providing relief against the un-employment etc.,

Accordingly, necessary statutory Notifications declaring Tanfort Tyres Limited as a 'Relief Undertaking' have been issued and published in Karnataka Gazette Ex-ordinary dated 12th July 1978, treating the sick industry as a Relief Undertaking with effect from 13th July 1978 for a period of 2 years.

I am placing on the table of the House, copies of the two statutory Notifications issued in this connection for the information of the Honourable Members.

ಶ್ರೀ ಮೈಖೇಲ್ ಬಿ. ಫರ್ನಾಂಡೀಸ್.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ ಈ ಕಂಪೆನಿಗಳು ಬಹುಶಃ ಅನೇಕ ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಗಳು ಕೆಲವು ವರ್ಷಗಳು ಆದನಂತರ ಸಿಕ್ ಆದರೆ ಈ ಒಂದು ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆ ಹುಟ್ಟಿದಂದಿನಿಂದಲೇ ಸಿಕ್ ಆಗಿತ್ತು ಎಂದು ಕಾಣಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಣ ತೊಡಗಿಸಿದ ಹಂದ್ದೆಗಳು ಯಾವುವೆಂದರೆ ಕೆ.ಎಸ್.ಐ. ಐ.ಡಿ.ಸಿ. ಮತ್ತು ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಚ್ಸಿ. ಈ ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಫ್ಸಿ.ಯ ಮೂರು ಲಕ್ಷ ಇನ್ವೆಸ್ಟ್ಮೆಂಟ್ ಷೇರುಗಳಿದ್ದು, ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಸಮಾರು ೩೦ ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಲೋನ್ಸ್ ಇದೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿದುಬಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಕೆ.ಎಸ್.ಐ. ಐ.ಡಿ.ಸಿ.ಯು ಸುಮಾರು ೩ ಲಕ್ಷ ಪ್ರಿಫರೆನ್ಸ್ ಷೇರುಗಳು ೭ ಲಕ್ಷ ಈಕ್ವಿಟ್ ಷೇರುಗಳಿದ್ದು ಸುಮಾರು ೫ ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಲೋನ್ಸ್ ಇದೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿದುಬಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ಎರಡೂ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು

ಸುಮಾರು ೪೮ ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳನ್ನು ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಇನ್‌ವೆಸ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿವೆ. ಈ ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಯಿಂದ ತಿಂಗಳಿಗೆ ಸುಮಾರು ೨ ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳಷ್ಟು ಎಕ್ಸೈಸ್ ಡ್ಯೂಟಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಬರತಕ್ಕಂಥಾದ್ದು ಇತ್ತು ಕಳೆದ ೨ ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ಕೆಲಸ ನಡೆಯದೆ ಒಂದು ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಸುಮಾರು ಅರ್ಧ ಕೋಟಿ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು ಎಕ್ಸೈಜ್ ಡ್ಯೂಟಿ ಬರತಕ್ಕಂಥಾದ್ದು ನಿಂತುಹೋಗಿರುವುದನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದರೆ ಈ ಎರಡೂ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ಒಂದು ಸಕಾಲಿಕ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿಲ್ಲವೆನ್ನುವುದನ್ನು ಮುಖ್ಯವಾದ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ? ಇದು ಸಿಕ್ ಆಗಲಿಕ್ಕೆ ಬಿಟ್ಟು, ೨ ವರ್ಷಗಳಾಗಿ, ಕೆಲಸ ಆಗದೆ ಈಗ ಕಾಲಿಂಗ್ ಅಟೆನ್‌ಕ್ಷನ್ ನೋಟೀಸ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದು, ಇದನ್ನು ಫಸ್ಟ್ ಜುಲೈ ೧೯೭೮ ರಿಂದ ರಿಲೀಫ್ ಅಂಡರ್ ಟೇಕಿಂಗ್ ಆಗಿ ಡಿಕ್ಲೇರ್ ಮಾಡಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಈಗ ಹೇಳಿರುತ್ತೀರಿ. ಇಷ್ಟೊಂದು ನಿಧಾನ ಆಗುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶವನ್ನು ಕೊಡದೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ತಾವೂ ಕುಳಿತು ಮಾತನಾಡಿದ್ದರೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ನಷ್ಟವಾಗುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶವಾಗುತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಶ್ರೀಲಂಕಾ ಮತ್ತು ಪಾಕಿಸ್ತಾನಗಳಿಂದ ಬರತಕ್ಕಂಥ ಆರ್ಡರ್‌ಗಳ ತಪ್ಪಿ ಸುಮಾರು ಎರಡು ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರಿಗೆ ಬಹಳ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಇಷ್ಟೊಂದು ತಡಮಾಡಿಲಿಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣಗಳು ಏನು ಎನ್ನುವುದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಚಿವರು ಏನು ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ, ಇಂಥ ಒಂದು ಸಂಗತಿ ಹುಂದೆ ನಡೆಯದ ಹಾಗೆ, ಮುಂದೆ ಯಾವ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲೂ ಸಿಕ್ ಆಗದಂತೆ ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಏನು ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾರೆಂಬುದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—I have placed all the details pertaining to this industry withoutgiving any room for the hon. member to get himself confused. We have to understand first of all that this is a private sector industry which was started by one Mr. Ta fort with equity shares from himself and from the public to the extent of 36.5 lakhs, preference shares 6 lakhs of rupees and later on KSID had put in 2.9 lakhs and Mr. Tandon had put in about Rs. 17.60 lakhs and KSFC had given Rs. 3 lakhs with 2.5 percent interest. When this Mill became sick, to take-over, we have got so many legal complications. After removing the legal complications, we have declared this mill as relief undertakings in July 1978. Within the next three months the produ-tion will start. It is beyond our control to know which is a sick mill whether it is a born sick Mill or became sick after it came into existence.

I have been repeatedly telling that is not lack of management or lack of marketing but here it was due to mismanagement. That is why the bankers also refused to pay even a single paise to this factory, until Mr. Thandon was removed. It is an achievement on the part of Government, because they were able to remove him and even the Chief Executive was replaced by Shri J. Matthan, retired General Manager, Integral Coach Factory. Madras. We will see that the Mill is started within a short period.

ಶ್ರೀ ಮೈಕೆಲ್ ಬಿ. ಫರ್ನಾಂಡೀಸ್. —ಪ್ರವೇಟ್ ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಟರಿ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿಕೊಂಡು ತಡಮಾಡಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಸರಿಯಲ್ಲ. Government is vested with powers under the Karnataka Relief Uundertakings Act. The move was there long long ago. There was a fault on the part of the Government. It ought to have acted long back. But they have taken a decision only a few days back. But they could have taken a decision well in time and avoided this problem of workers and the loss ?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—I can assure the hod'ble Member thas the Department has done their best in time; they have not taken any time to do it. But, there were some legal hurdles which could not be avoided. Even if you take this Karnataka Relief Undertakings Act, that cannot be applied to all industries with the same yard-stick. It is not only the labour, there were other problems also. Financial institutions and other parties were there. So. Government cannot put their hands in all such cases. There were some legal matters. When every mill is closed, and if you say to interfere, from where we should bring money? I can assure you that this will be settled within 2-3 months.

SRI A. LAKSHMI SAGAR.—The Hon'ble Minister has stated onef point in his statement viz. irregularity in borrowing and breach on trust. Will the Minister be pleased to state whether the Governmet is thinking of taking legal action for such breach of trust?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—Now the Roard has been re-constituted and the Executive Director has been appointed. It is a company in which other financial institutions have been associated with. They are bound to take action. The Board of Directors will take action. We will not allow such irregularities to continue.

(ii) re; alleged misuse of medicines at Primary Health Centre, Thalak.

ಶ್ರೀ ಭವುರಾವ್ ದೇಶಪಾಂಡೆ.—ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಥಲಕ್ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಪ್ರೈಮರಿ ಹೆಲ್ತ್ ಸೆಂಟರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ವೈದ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದ ಡಾಕ್ಟರ್ ವೀಣಾ ಅವರ ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿದ್ದ ಸಾಕಷ್ಟು ಔಷಧಗಳನ್ನು ಪೋಲೀಸರು ವಶಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನಾನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಗಮನವನ್ನು ಸೆಳೆಯುತ್ತೇನೆ.

SRI M. MALLAPPA (Minister for Health and Family Welfare).—Sir, I wish to make the following statement.—

Dr. V. Veena, after her first appointment in Government service was working at Primary Health Centre, Thalak, Chitradurga District from 8-2-1978.

On all allegation from some outsiders, the police raided and searched the Lady Medical Officer's quarters on 14-6-1978 and seized therefrom drugs worth Rs. 120/- which includes physician samples, but not to the extent of Rs. 10,000/- as has been indicated in the Calling Attention Notice. The police are still investigating the case. Hence, the question of hushing up the ase does not arise. However, such action as deemed necessary will be taken against this Lady Medical Officer only after the receipt of the final report from the police authorities.